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In re Patent Application of:  
Gary D. Foster

Application No.: 09/270141

Filed: March 16, 1999

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In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claim 19 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

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